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Eugene Thomas Bond)	Group Art Unit: 3713
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Serial No. : 09/720,042)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner:

This Amendment is a Preliminary Amendment filed before a First Office Action in the above-identified continuation application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Preliminary Amendment be entered and considered.

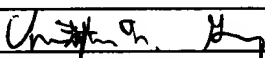
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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____
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Each claim over 20, or for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent							50 25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent							200 100
Multiple dependent claims							360 180
Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)	
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